

Janet and Robert were married on August 27, 1956 and make their home in Creston, Iowa. Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this lovely couple on their 60 years of life together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO KARLA LOUISE  
GRIESER

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Karla Louise Grieser on August 26th, 2016. A longtime resident of Colorado, Karla was well known in her church and community.

Karla was born in Wauseon, Ohio on April 18th, 1944. In 1965 she married her sweetheart Merle Grieser, and they moved to Colorado together in 1969. Karla worked as an accountant for KLZ Radio and Television for several years, but her family always remained her number one priority.

From a young age Karla devoted herself to helping others. She went to school to be a nurse, an education focused on healing the sick, caring for others, and ministering those in need. I have seen the passion in Karla's heart for nurturing, supporting, and protecting those who couldn't defend themselves.

Karla was a leader in the pro-life movement. She started the life chain in Greeley, where hundreds of volunteers lined the streets to pray and support the sanctity of human life. I have seen firsthand how Karla's fight for the pro-life movement was not only God's calling, but her way of protecting the most vulnerable in our society.

The life chain was just the beginning for Karla's commitment to protecting the unborn. She led the monumental task of founding The Genesis Project of Northern Colorado, a faith based non-profit in the Greeley area. This organization provides shelter, support, and spiritual guidance for numerous women and children to this day.

It was clear Karla cared about more than providing basic necessities; it was about helping those women and children become an asset in their community. I sat in many Genesis board meetings, and it was clear Karla was giving these single mothers a second chance at life.

Karla held many other prominent positions in her community, all of which helped improve the lives of those around her. She was President of Weld County Right to Life, actively involved with the Weld County Republicans, and helped at several children's ministries. Due to her continued work to better the community, Karla was invited to help revise the Comprehensive Plan for Weld County. Karla devoted her life to improving Colorado, and she left a positive influence on everybody she met.

It is the values Karla embodied throughout her life that makes Colorado the best place to

live in the country. I extend my deepest condolences to Karla's friends and family for their loss.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Karla Louise Grieser for her commitment to Jesus Christ, family, and Colorado. She will be sorely missed.

HONORING BYRON KENT  
MAXFIELD

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a dear friend and a distinguished Hoosier and army veteran. I have been honored to be a part of his family for decades now.

Mr. Kent Maxfield passed away on Friday, September 9. Mr. Maxfield was a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served with the "Big Red One" 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam from 1967 through 1968. Mr. Maxfield often talked of the bible he carried throughout his time in combat and how reading it helped him get through the daily mortar attacks and fire-fights.

Kent worked for many years in corporate real estate working for such companies as Arby's, Applebee's, Pizza Hut, and Sonic Restaurants. He was a 1981 graduate of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis where he earned a degree in Business Administration. Since retiring in 2007, Mr. Maxfield spent time volunteering with the "Warriors-Hope" Group which provides peer support from a biblical perspective.

Last year, Kent, along with his 3 daughters; Laura, Lisa, and Cheri, traveled back to Vietnam. Through the Global Ministries People to People Mission, Mr. Maxfield was able to return to the country he had not seen for 47 years, but this time he had love in his heart. During his trip, Mr. Maxwell visited several orphanages and provided \$5000 in scholarships for Vietnamese youth to study social work.

Mr. Maxfield's passing is a loss for the State of Indiana and our nation. We are grateful for his service and his leadership. I look forward to seeing those same characteristics in his grandchildren. I pray for his family and all who knew Kent.

ANDREW GANDY WINS THE NA-  
TIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT AAU  
JUNIOR OLYMPICS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Andrew Gandy of Katy, TX for winning the national championship at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics.

Andrew's winning time of 9 minutes, 12.46 seconds in the 3,000 meter run earned him the prestigious national championship title. However, a couple of weeks later, the Seven Lakes High School junior won yet another national championship at the Cy Woods XC Invi-

tational in the 3,200 meter race, with a time of 10 minutes, 29.68 seconds.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Andrew Gandy for his national championship win at the AAU Junior Olympics. We are proud of him for bringing this win home to Katy and wish him luck with his future cross country career.

RECOGNIZING EASTERN SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO  
STEM EDUCATION

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the students, parents, and faculty of Eastern Senior High School for their commitment to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics enrichment, and for participating in my annual Science and Technology Braintrust.

The teachers at Eastern Senior High School are committed to ensuring that our country's youth is exposed to a STEM curriculum, which is paramount to the future of our country. A prevalent theme amongst successful STEM professionals is the curiosity and drive instilled by their teachers at a young age. We must continue to invest in schools that highlight a STEM education, so that all students will have an opportunity to one day be an astrophysicist, doctor, engineer, or a geologist.

Mr. Speaker, Eastern Senior High School is a true advocate of STEM education and deserves recognition for its work. With great pride I can say that because of this school's commitment to STEM education, our country's youth is gaining the skills needed to compete in a rapidly globalizing world.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY AND PAUL  
SHOMSHOR, SR.

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Betty and Paul Shomshor, Sr. of Crescent, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 17, 1966 at Fifth Avenue Methodist Church in Council Bluffs.

Betty and Paul's lifelong commitment to each other and their children and grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.